

## **Monday Notes March 28, 2022**

**This is the FINAL WEEK to complete the Disciple Maker Index Survey. All surveys are due by April 4.** If you have not yet completed your Survey for All Things New, please do so soon. The link is: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y2xk8y> If you need support to complete it online, or a paper copy, please call the office: (314) 289-9384. We need as many participants as possible. THANKS!

### **Mass Schedule**

5:00 p.m. Saturday  
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday  
8:00 a.m. Wednesday

The Mass on April 3 will be recorded and available on our Website on Saturday afternoon. That Mass will be uploaded to our Website: [www.stcronan.org](http://www.stcronan.org)  
The Masses for the rest of April will be live-streamed at 10:00 on Sundays and posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>  
Masks are suggested for all Masses.

**Bill Barret's Service:** Bill's Funeral Service will take place on Saturday, April 2, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Cronan Church. We are having a lunch reception in the Hospitality Room following the service. I am glad that we can gather as a community to celebrate Bill and share a meal with Laurel and Gavin and his family and friends. Please let me know if you can bring a dish/dessert to share. I would also appreciate a couple people to serve and clean up after the reception. Contact Maggie at: [ofccomp17@gmail.com](mailto:ofccomp17@gmail.com)  
Bill's Funeral Mass will be live-streamed to our Facebook Page in case you want to pray, but avoid the crowd: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>

**Decorate for Holy Week:** We will decorate for Palm Sunday after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, April 3. We will decorate for Easter at 10:00 a.m. on Holy Saturday, April 9. Please join us if you can.

**Holy Week:** Several readers are needed for the Passion on Palm Sunday, and the Triduum. Many people have offered. I'm attaching the sign up sheet so you know who is needed. Please email me, Diane, at [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org) to volunteer, or sign up on the Google Doc at this link: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EvT\\_fv7yqb5-StwtLtH\\_dMIct1prqdv3/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103057187619177728911&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EvT_fv7yqb5-StwtLtH_dMIct1prqdv3/edit?usp=sharing&oid=103057187619177728911&rtpof=true&sd=true) or sign up in Church.

**Live Meetings:** We are opening up for live meetings. If your committee or organization would like to meet live in the Coffee and Donut room or conference room at the Parish Center, please contact Mary, [mary@stcronan.org](mailto:mary@stcronan.org) to schedule your date and time.

**Lenten Journey:** "Embracing God's Abundance." The reflection sheet for this past weekend is attached and can be found on Cronan Talk as well. If you would like to share some of your reflections or actions with the Community, please write them on the index cards and place them in the basket. I will see that they are attached to the wall. If you have reflections and are not attending Church, email them to me at [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org) and I will share them with the community.

**LBGTQIA+ Listening Session:** Thanks to all who joined the listening session last Sunday afternoon. We welcomed over 100 people and the conversations were intense and Spirit-filled. If you did not have a chance to sign up for a kinship group or information on New Ways Ministry and would like to do so, please send your email address to Mary: [mary@stcronan.org](mailto:mary@stcronan.org) If you were not able to join us, but would like to leave comments for the Synod Committee, you can do so here: <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/Ways-to-Engage/Synod-on-Synodality/Feedback>

**Stations of the Cross in Atonement for Abuse and for the Healing of All** will be offered online on Friday April 8 at 3:00 p.m. They will be available on our Website. See the powerful picture of the first station attached  
If you missed the Covid Memorial Service, it can be found on our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>

**Day-Long Women's Retreat:** Mark your Calendars! **Women's Day Long Retreat** planned for **Saturday, June 25, 2022**. Tentative time from **8:30am to 4:30pm. In person and outdoors** - Centrally located near Hampton and Hwy 44. Theme and **details to follow**. Donna Moromarco, Kim Madden, and Mary Middendorf are in the planning stages. Express your interest in attending by emailing [mary.middendorf@gmail.com](mailto:mary.middendorf@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Space is limited.

**All Things New:** Instructions for completing the Archdiocesan Survey are available online. The Surveys themselves are also available here: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y2xk8y> and on the "All Things New" website. These surveys are very important to our Parish, so please complete it as soon as you can. Online is best, and if you require assistance you can make an appointment to complete it in the parish office. If you need a paper copy, they will be available in Church. If you would like further information, you can visit the Archdiocese's website <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/>, or email any of the people on our leadership team listed here:

The Five Key Parish Leaders appointed by the Parish Council:

David Gaillardetz – [davidgaillardetz@gmail.com](mailto:davidgaillardetz@gmail.com)

Melanie Ernst – [ernst.melanie@wustl.edu](mailto:ernst.melanie@wustl.edu)

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The Point of Contact Person (Coordinator) appointed by Fr. Jack:

Sister Chabanel Mathison, O.S.U. - [chabanelm@gmail.com](mailto:chabanelm@gmail.com)

You can voice your concerns to any of the team listed above, or email your comments to the All Things New Commission on their website <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/>,

If you take the online survey and have no children, you will automatically skip some questions, which will show at the end as you having completed 93% of the survey. This is a flaw in the survey itself, and you can submit the survey as is without being in any way penalized.

**Parish Council:** The Parish Council minutes for 2021 and 2022 to date have been placed on our website under "Parish Council." The members will be listed there as well.

**The Gardening Committee**, who take care of the Church grounds, are in need of pots for thinning plants. You can leave them on the side of the rectory.

**Donations for Ukraine:** There was a second collection for Ukraine last Sunday, March 26-27. If you missed it, you can put it in next week's collection, or mail it to the office. You also can give to the Ukrainian Children's Aid and Relief Effort, Inc. or UCARE, Inc., is a charity serving the needy and orphaned children of Ukraine. If anyone wants to financially help the Ukrainian situation, please consider this charity. The website is [www.ucareinc.org](http://www.ucareinc.org). Bob Hoffman has worked with this group for years. For further information, please see Bob's email, attached.

**Consecration of Ukraine and Russia to Mary.** This prayer was said around the world last Friday at 12:30 our time. If you missed it and would like to help dedicate the People of Ukraine and Russia to Mary's protection, it is available on our website: <https://www.stcronan.org/>

**Compassionate St. Louis:** St. Cronan has become a member of this movement to help make our city a more compassionate place. You will be seeing their logo on our bulletins and signs. For further information, please visit their website: <https://www.compassionate-stl.org/about-us>

**Help Me With Vital Statistics** We are updating our data bases in the Parish Office and we need your help. We have noticed that many parishioners do not have a "joined date" entered in their profiles. If you remember the date you joined St. Cronan as an active parishioner, please shoot Mary a short email [mary@stcronan.org](mailto:mary@stcronan.org) or give her a call 314-289-9384. Even if it's just the year. That way we can update our data base. We don't know if we will need this important info for "All Things New" or not, but certainly, these vital statistics are needed for other purposes. Thank you so much for your assistance.

**Do You Use Your Church Giving Envelopes?** Thank you so much for your generous contributions to St. Cronan. We are conducting an audit of our giving envelope system. If you are no longer using your giving envelopes in the collection basket, or you are giving only on-line, please let Mary know. We can remove you from the paper envelope mailings and cut down on the paper use. Thank you.

**Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative:** Be the change you wish to see. As Catholics, it is our spiritual duty to combat the sin of personal and institutional racism. Could you use additional resources to understand and identify what it means to be anti-racist in your life? Follow the @Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative on Facebook at Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative or visit our website at [www.catholicracialjusticestl.](http://www.catholicracialjusticestl.)

**Black Lives Matter Vigil:** The St. Cronan Social Justice Committee is hosting a Vigil as a way of atoning for past racism. It will be held every third Friday evening of the month - 5:00 -6:00 pm at the corner of Kingshighway and Manchester. We will be gathering Friday, April 15. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: [trishquita1952@gmail.com](mailto:trishquita1952@gmail.com), or Kim Madden: [kim.madden514@gmail.com](mailto:kim.madden514@gmail.com)

**Wills:** Please remember Saint Cronan's in your will. Title is St. Cronan's Catholic Church-1202 South Boyle Ave.- St. Louis, MO 63110. Our Federal I.D.# 43-0653457

**Prayers Please:** Laurel Hayes; Laurel Hayes' parents Jerry and Nancy; Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen; Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan; Michelle Frank; Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers; Jessica; Nick Ambrose; Al Sprehe; Phil Milner; Mike's grandson, Jack; Jim Gorman; Andrew Viraugh's Father; Sharon Orlet's sister, Betty; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne; Kathy Bayless; Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan's brother, Steve; Barry Buchek's wife, Mary; Trish Curtis' mother and brother; Gavin Barrett-Hayes; Barb Sopp's cousin, Patty Struckhoff; Marie and Roland Martir's granddaughter, Maggie; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard.

If you know of anyone who is feeling disconnected from our Community or has left, please let me know by clicking here: [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org). Please do not reply to this email, because we don't want the names going to everyone. We will reach out to them.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS IS BACK!!!!** Please join us for Fellowship and community in the COFFEE AND DONUT ROOM after the 10:00 Mass THIS SUNDAY! No more virtual coffee or virtual donuts – we will have the real thing! Many thanks to Maggie Hart-Mahon and Dorothy Strathman-Lucy for organizing. If you are interested in taking one weekend a month to host, please contact Maggie: [ofccomp17@gmail.com](mailto:ofccomp17@gmail.com)

### **Homily Reflection:**

There are many characters in today's homily: tax collectors and sinners, Pharisees and Scribes, the Father, the two brothers. We need to figure out which came out the worst. The one that came out the worst was the fatted calf. Let's look at the Jewishness of the Parable, which was addressed to the Pharisees. The Tax collectors and sinners listened, but the Pharisees and scribes complained. The 2<sup>nd</sup> son squandered his fortune, then was left to feed the swine, which was against Jewish law. He was hungry and violating his own religion. So he decides to go back to his Father and be treated like a servant, who is worse than a slave. A servant can be dismissed, so he is asking to be treated lower than a slave. When his Father sees him, he is given a robe, which means honor, a ring which signifies authority, and sandals to indicate freedom. Through the compassion of the Father, he is welcomed back. The eldest son is type cast as representing the Pharisees and Scribes. He complains to the Father about how his brother is treated. His service to the father is a grim duty. Like the Pharisees, he would rather see the sinner destroyed than saved. Prodigal means crazy. The crazy one is the Father for accepting the son with a crazy, radical love for one who turned his back on him. Where do we need the radical love of God? A few years ago, Pat and Sue, 2 therapists, came to talk with us. They counseled abuse survivors and also counseled perpetrators. In their book, "Broken Trust," They talk about how these priests are housed in a place called Recon, and are never allowed in society without supervision. When they walk into Recon, it's like entering a monastery – there is so much remorse and peace, yet they are treated like scum. God has crazy love even for them. With the listening sessions, the Pope has specific groups he wants to hear from. Yesterday was a listening session with 10 mothers with transgendered children. It was heartbreaking to hear how they have been mistreated in the Church. One question was on healthcare. Doctors in the Catholic systems cannot treat these children once they find out they are trans. Where is the radical love that should be funneled through the Church and the Church's institutions? Fr. James Martin, who has been praised for his ministry and writings for the LBGTQIA+ community, wrote an article that looks at the phrase "Love the Sinner and Hate the Sin." This phrase is exclusively associate with the LBGTQIA+ Community. As an example, he talks about how 90% of Catholics believe that contraception is ok, yet you never hear that phrase addressed to them. Ezekiel, Ch. 36, asks God to give us a new heart; to take away the stony hearts and give natural hearts. We need to pray for a heart transplant. The sub-theme for this week of Lent is

reconciliation. This is a reconciliation story. Radical love brings people back, and we need to embrace them. We must pray for heart transplants so that crazy, radical love can be expressed to even those we think don't deserve it. May this Body of Christ radically express how much God loves us. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

Also attached is Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan's Pastoral Reflection.

Blessings!

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